

In the Specification:

Before the first line, please delete "continuation of application Serial No. 08/173,542" and substitute --division of application Serial No. 08/173,542-- therefor.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

2 16. (Amended) A method for applying a covering layer to a stent comprising:

(a) forming a tube made out of an elastomeric polymerisable composition, the tube having an inside;

(b) coating the inside of the tube with an adhesive medium;

(c) providing a stent having at least one portion along its length, and radially contracting the stent;

(d) inserting into the tube at least [a] one portion of the stent;

(e) radially expanding the at least [the] one portion of the stent in the tube or allowing the at least [the] one portion of the stent to expand in the tube; and

(f) curing the adhesive medium between [at least the portion of] the inside of the tube and the at least one portion of the stent in the tube.

3 17. (Amended) A method for applying a covering layer to a stent comprising:

(a) forming a tube from an elastomeric polymerisable composition, the tube having an inside;

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- (b) preparing an elastomeric composition dissolved in a solvent;
 - (c) coating the inside of the tube with the elastomeric composition dissolved in the solvent;
 - (d) providing a stent having at least one portion along its length, and radially contracting the stent;
 - (e) inserting into the tube at least [a] one portion of the stent;
 - (f) radially expanding the at least [the] one portion of the stent in the tube or allowing the at least [the] one portion of the stent to radially expand in the tube;
 - (g) evaporating the solvent; and
 - (h) polymerizing the elastomeric composition [to the tube and to the stent] between the inside of the tube and the at least one portion of the stent in the tube.
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(Amended) A method for covering a stent comprising:

- (a) forming a polymeric tube, the tube having an inner surface;
 - (b) coating at least a part of the inside of the tube with a polymerisable composition;
 - (c) inserting a contracted stent into the tube, the stent having an inner surface and an outer surface;
 - (d) radially expanding the stent in the tube or allowing the stent to radially expand in the tube; and
 - (e) polymerizing the polymerisable composition.
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